

# House Watch

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## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

**HB 5609**

**(Simpson)**

The bill would amend the Local Development Financing Act to allow the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to designate three additional certified technology parks between February 1, 2008, and December 31, 2009.

- The House concurred in the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 240: 99 yes, 7 no]
- IE was ordered

## FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 120**

**(Scott)**

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act (MCL 400.14j) to require the Department of Human Services to issue regular food assistance benefits two times per month to an individual who is eligible for food assistance benefits of \$100 per month or more. The department could continue to issue food assistance benefits one time per month to recipients receiving assistance benefits less than \$100 per month. The department could also continue to issue food assistance benefits to the recipient on a staggered basis based on the case ending digit. The bill would not apply to the issuance of initial food benefits, retroactive assistance benefits, or supplemental food assistance benefits.

- SB 120 was passed [RC 241: 87 yes, 19 no]
- IE was ordered

## HB 5909

(Meisner)

House Bill 5909, as amended, would create a new act to be known as the "Personal Property Trust Perpetuities Act." The bill specifies that an interest in, or power of appointment over, personal property held in trust is not invalidated by a rule against any of the following: perpetuities; suspension of absolute ownership; suspension of the power of alienation; or accumulations of income.

- Committee amendment adopted
- HB 5909 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5909 was passed [RC 242: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

## HB 5695

(Mayes)

Eliminate reference to federal law for motor vehicles carrying logs or tubular products.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5695 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5695 was passed [RC 243: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

## THIRD READING

### SB 192

(Barcia)

The bill would amend Public Act 133 of 1955 to do all of the following:

- Refer specifically to performing service in the Armed Forces or National Guard in a provision prohibiting an employer from denying an employee's request for a leave of absence for military service.
- Require an employer to reemploy an employee following service if he or she reported to work or applied within 45 days after service, or within 90 days after service if it were for more than 180 days, rather than if he or she applies for employment within 15 days.
- Revise the Act's priorities for reemployment.
- Provide that an employee would not be entitled to reemployment if he or she were absent for an uninterrupted period of five years, rather than a cumulative period of five years.
- Allow a qualified employee who was denied reemployment to file a civil action, and require his or her reinstatement and payment of his or her attorney fees.

- SB 192 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**SB 1157**

**(Switalski)**

The bill would amend the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority (MHEAA) statute to allow the Authority to use money from the Michigan Guaranty Agency's operating fund for the State Competitive Scholarship Program. The bill would impose two conditions on the use of the money: 1) The money could be used only in the State fiscal year 2007-08; and 2) the use of the money would have to be allowed under Federal law.

- **SB 1157 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**